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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM:

Chief, Legislation Division/OLC

SUBJECT: Retirement Income for Spouses

1. Attached for your information only are three bills, H.R. 2817, H.R. 2818 and H.R. 2857, to amend the Civil Service, Foreign Service and Military Retirement Systems. The aim of the bills is to provide for annuities to former spouses since present law does not permit retirement benefits after the termination of a marriage.

2. You may be interested to know that State Department has drafted legislation similar to H.R. 2857 but it has not yet been cleared by OMB. The Department is opposed to H.R. 2857 because it would award an annuity based on the years of marriage.

3. No committee hearings have as yet been scheduled for any of the bills.

4. While we have not objected to similar proposed legislation in the past, such legislation could result in considerable administrative workload. We will, therefore, keep you abreast of the progress of these bills.

Attachments:
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